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Cassis to Governor: stop snubbing small businesses

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, today made the following statement on the Senate floor in response to Gov. Granholm's veto of Senate Bill 957, which would have provided tax relief for 35,000 small businesses:

"The governor's recent veto of a bill providing tax relief, SB 957, to some 35,000 small business, the backbone of our economy – the very job providers in our state, throws thoughtless mud in the eyes of those struggling to hang on, those trying to expand and those thinking of adding jobs.

Governor, we cannot allow your veto excuses to stand. We cannot permit you to support huge industries and snub your nose at Michigan's small job providers near our neighborhoods and in our downtowns, our main streets – those who charitably support every local goodwill need – for Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis good deeds – to our Boy and Girl Scouts and on and on. This is the private sector that is diverse and trying its darndest to maintain a foothold and advance our struggling economy.

So, as legislators, we do have a response, we have a voice, a plan, a choice.

We will continue to refine and pass bills that reduce taxes that burden some 35,000 businesses. 'Crain's,' among others, emphasizes that Michigan's cost of doing business is one of the highest of any of the states.

When Governor, will you act, not talk?

Why Governor did you say in your State of the State address – just wait, five years from now Michigan will blow you away?

How? When you veto positive help to our small business job providers?

We can't wait five years – we have to start today. This we in the majority party intend to do."

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